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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Gambling Control Board To Adopt Rules Providing for a Contract To Operate a Casino in Maine'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1 Gambling Control Board to adopt rules providing for a contract to operate a casino in Maine. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board shall adopt rules to provide for a state contract with a private entity to operate a casino in Maine. The rules must include the minimum requirements for a bid subject to the competitive bid process prescribed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 155, including, but not limited to, a profit-sharing agreement with the State to benefit the General Fund. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in the Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further

Sec. 2 Gambling Control Board to propose recommended legislation. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board shall propose to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs a statutory framework for licensing and oversight of casino gambling, including, but not limited to, slot machines, card games and other casino-style games of chance. The joint standing committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment creates a resolve that replaces the bill. The amendment requires the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to adopt rules to provide for a competitive bid process for a contract between a private entity and the State to operate a casino in Maine. It also requires the board to propose legislation establishing a statutory framework for licensing and oversight of casino gambling to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs, which is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.